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PREFACE

This document is designed to be the repository for the technical information developed through the DfE Lithography Project. A summary booklet intended for printing industry professionals has been developed entitled *Solutions for Lithographic Printers: An Evaluation of Substitute Blanket Washes (EPA/744-F-96-009)* that captures much of this information in a simpler, more user-friendly format. It is available from the Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse at the address listed below.

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- Solutions for Lithographic Printers: An Evaluation of Substitute Blanket Washes
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